

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, November 27, 1880, with transcript

Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel (Hubbard) Bell. L Bailey's Hotel, Glo'ster Road, Queen's Gate, S. W., London, Nov. 27th, 1880. Mrs. A. G. Bell, 8 Rue Cambon, Paris. Dear May:

I forgot to tell you last night what my plans were for the next few days.

To-day, Saturday, Nov. 27th.

Prof. Tyndall at 11 a. m. Experiments at Royal Instit.

Lecture at Physical Society in afternoon.

Monday, Nov. 29th.

Morning — Arrange apparatus etc. at Society of Arts in preparation of lecture.

Evening — Go to Leeds. Invitation to party at Prof.

Williamson for that evening declined.

Tuesday, Nov. 30th.

Preparation for Leeds lecture. Lecture in the evening at Philosophical and Literary Society. Return to London by midnight train. Invitation to Royal Society's dinner for that evening declined.

Wednesday, Dec. 1st.

Morning — preparation for Society of Arts Lecture.

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Evening — Lecture. After lecture attend Royal Society.

Reception at Mr. Spottiswood's.

Thursday, Dec. 2nd.

Lunch with Dr. and Mrs. Huggins at the Spectroscopic 2 Observatory.

Friday, Dec. 3rd.

Read a paper before Philological Society on Visible Speech.

Saturday, Dec. 4th.

Visit Sir John Lubbock and spend Sunday with him.

Sunday, Dec. 5th.

Visit Sir John Lubbock and Darwin.

Monday, Dec. 6th.) Tuesday, Dec. 7th.()

Propose to exhibit Photophone in operation at Royal Institution.

Wednesday, Dec. 8th.

Attend the Photophone meeting of the Society of Telegraph Engineers — leaving for Liverpool by midnight train.

Thursday, Dec. 9th.

Sail for America.

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These are my plans — now what are yours? I could leave here for Paris on Thursday morning Dec. 2d if you could return with me Friday, Dec. 3rd — so that I could attend the Philological Society in the evening. In this case I must give up Mr. Huggins. Or I could give up Sir John Lubbock and leave for Paris on Saturday morning Dec. 4th, returning with you when you think best.

I am sorry you did not come on with me so as to see about a nurse. How would it do for Chester to run over for you and the 3 babies and bring you on here so as to look for a nurse. I am anxious on every account to leave by the ninth unless Charlie is worse — but I don't think it would do to attempt to hurry his away from Paris prematurely because we want to leave. Telegraph what you decide to do so that I may arrange accordingly. I think you could not do better than take Maria Day as seamstress and special nurse for Elsie. If you are satisfied however with the girl you have been in Paris take her only please don't wait for me to see her. Hope you sent the cablegram to your Uncle Eustis. It is much cheaper to cable to you to cable to America — than to cable directly from here.

Your loving, Alec.